

**In the Claims:**

Claims 1-25: (Canceled).

26. (Previously Presented) A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

verifying the identification of said user of said remote client;

transmitting an access token from said security system server to said remote client;

providing said security gateway with information about said user and said access token;

activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

wherein said access token is adapted to allow said remote client to access said security gateway based on said user's permission profile;

wherein said user's permission profile is created by a general administrator of said security gateway; and

wherein said access token expires at a designated time and date.

27. (Previously Presented) A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

verifying the identification of said user of said remote client;

transmitting an access token from said security system server to said remote client;

providing said security gateway with information about said user and said access token;

activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

wherein said access token is adapted to allow said remote client to access said security gateway based on said user's permission profile;

wherein said user's permission profile is created by a general administrator of said security gateway; and

wherein said access token expires after a designated length of time has elapsed.

28. (Previously Presented) A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

verifying the identification of said user of said remote client;

transmitting an access token from said security system server to said remote client;

providing said security gateway with information about said user and said access token;

activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

wherein said access token is adapted to allow said remote client to access said security gateway based on said user's permission profile;

wherein said user's permission profile is created by a general administrator of said security gateway; and

wherein said access token expires after a designated number of accesses have occurred.

Claims 29-59: (Canceled).